

# The 2010 Congressional Art Competition

## *"An Artistic Discovery"*

### **Facts**

**WHAT:** The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the US Congress.

**WHY:** **AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY** provides Congress and the public with the opportunity to encourage and recognize the rich artistic talents of young Americans at a time when budgets of local organizations and art-in-education programs are being curtailed.

**TIMEABLE:** **March 22:** Registration forms due in Congressman Welch's Vermont office.

**April 9:** All artwork must be received at one of the delivery sites listed on the attached page. Artwork submitted after this date is not guaranteed consideration in the competition.

**April 27:** Art show opens at T.W. Wood Art Gallery, Montpelier, VT.

**May 10:** 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Art Competition and Awards Ceremony.

**June 1:** Winning piece of art due in Washington, DC to be displayed with other Congressional District winners.

**Late June:** Congressional District first place winners will go to Washington, DC for opening reception.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:**

1. Originality
2. Clearly Expressed Content
3. Not reproduced from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party's work
4. Not a violation of U. S. Copyright Laws

**AWARD DISTRIBUTION:**

- First place winner
- Second place winner
- Third place winner
- Judges' Choice winners
- Honorable mentions
- Congressman Welch's choices

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# **2010 Congressional Art Competition Rules**

## **Student Eligibility**

Students must attend a high school, middle/high school, alternative school, vocational or technical school, or be a high school level home school student. It is at the discretion of the school's art department whether artwork from middle level students at a combined middle/high school may be submitted.

A student must be a legal resident of Vermont for his or her artwork to be considered for first place.

A non-resident student may submit artwork for consideration for another prize.

## **Artwork Eligibility**

Entries must be flat and two-dimensional.

Entries must not exceed dimensions of 28" x 28" x 4" when framed. Artwork cannot weight more than 15 lbs.

Entries must fit within one of the following categories:

- Paintings: (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings: (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers)
- Collage: **must be** two-dimensional
- Prints: (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
- Mixed media (use of more than 2 mediums such as pencil, ink etc.)
- Computer generated art
- Photography

Entries must be the student's original artwork and may not be a copy or print of the student's original.

Entries must not be reproduced from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party's work.

Entries must not be a violation of U.S. Copyright Law.

Entries must be **matted** or on **cardboard backing**, but may not be framed behind glass or Plexiglas.

The label from the registration form must be **attached** to the Entry.

***Entries that do not meet these requirements will not be judged, and will only be displayed if space is available in the gallery.***

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### **Directions for Delivery**

1. Artwork must be received between **March 22** and **April 9**.
2. The Artwork Entry Label must be **attached** to the artwork.
3. Artwork must be delivered **ready to hang**. This means that wire or some other mechanism for hanging must be affixed to the back of the mat. ***Artwork that is not completely dry when delivered or in a condition other than ready to hang may or may not be displayed depending upon available space.***
4. Artwork must arrive in a **portfolio** or other **packaging** ***EVEN IF*** you are delivering by hand.
5. Artwork can be received in either of the following ways:

The Congressional office can receive art by **hand delivery** or by **mail**. The office is open from 8am to 5pm.

#### **Office of Congressman Welch**

Contact: Victoria Jones

Phone: (888) 605-7270

Address: 30 Main Street, Suite 350

Burlington, VT 05401

The following locations can receive art by **hand delivery**. Please **call ahead** for hours of availability:

#### **Community College of Vermont-Rutland**

Contact: Chris Ettori

Phone: (802) 786-0015

Address: 24 Evelyn Street  
Rutland, VT 05701

#### **T.W. Wood Art Gallery**

Contact: Joyce Mandeville

Phone: (802) 828-8743

Address: Vermont College  
36 College Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

#### **Southern Vermont Recreation Center**

Contact: Christian Craig

Phone: (802) 885-2568

Address: 140 Clinton Street  
Springfield, VT 05156

#### **Catamount Arts**

Contact: Jerry Aldredge

Phone: (802) 748-2600

Address: 139 Eastern Avenue  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

# School Registration Form

PLEASE **PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE** THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE NAME TAGS, AWARD CERTIFICATES, AND PROGRAM.

RETURN THIS FORM BY **MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010.**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Art Instructor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Art Instructor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Art Instructor E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**EACH HIGH SCHOOL MAY REGISTER UP TO FIVE STUDENTS.** (If your school is affiliated with a technical school you may coordinate your efforts and register up to ten students: five from the high school program and five from the technical or vocational programs).

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Legal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimension of Art Work: \_\_\_\_\_ (cannot exceed 28 x 28 inches\*)

Media Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Legal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Artwork Entry Labels**

**Attach this PORTION of the registration form to the back of each piece of artwork.**

**ARTWORK DUE NO LATER THAN April 9<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

The following information will be used when making wall tags to be placed next to your artwork for exhibition. *IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION AND BE AS CLEAR AS POSSIBLE.*

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Art Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dimension of Art Work: \_\_\_\_\_ (cannot exceed 28 x 28 inches\*)  
Media Used: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please indicate TOP of artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Art Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dimension of Art Work: \_\_\_\_\_ (cannot exceed 28 x 28 inches\*)  
Media Used: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please indicate TOP of artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

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